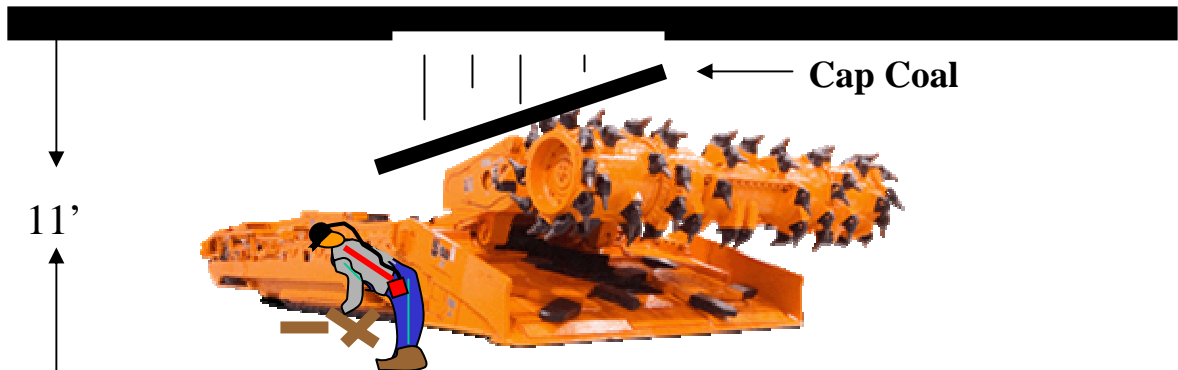


## SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



### **FALL OF ROOF ACCIDENT**

On May 29, 2006, at approximately 2:10 p.m., the day shift section foreman was seriously injured when cap coal fell from the mine roof. The foreman was helping to place crib block under the machine crawler at the front of the miner, when the roof cap coal fell. The cap coal fell 11' high and struck the right side of the machine, causing the cap coal to ricochet and strike the foreman in the lower back. He was given first aid at the scene then transported to the hospital where he was admitted.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- All underground active workings shall be secured and controlled to protect miners from fall of roof, face or ribs.
- Thorough roof examinations should be made prior to beginning work in all areas of the mine.
- When working in close proximity to unsupported areas, special safety precautions should be taken to prevent exposure to the potential falling of roof material.
- When working in close proximity to unsupported areas, always try to face the unsupported area.

### **ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM**